

Includes Funding for 1,000 More Border Patrol Agents, Enforcement Personnel

WASHINGTON - Today the House passed H.R. 6080, providing for additional border security, funding and personnel. H.R. 6080 passed the House by voice vote, and now heads to the Senate for final approval.

"While additional resources will be required to secure the border and fix a broken immigration system, this is a step in the right direction," said Mitchell. "Illegal immigration affects our state more than it does any other -- more than half of all illegal crossings over the U.S.-Mexico border happen in Arizona. The federal government has a responsibility to secure the border and fix our broken immigration system, but hasn't done so, and Arizona continues to shoulder the burden."

Last week, Mitchell wrote to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, urging her to bring an emergency border security funding package to the House floor when the House reconvened this week.

The bipartisan legislation, H.R. 6080, includes \$600 million in emergency border security funding in an effort to help stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs, and was approved by voice vote. If enacted, it would provide \$254 million for border personnel, including \$176 million for 1,000 new Border Patrol agents and \$29 million for 250 new Customs and Border Protection officers. In addition, the bill would provide \$32 million for two unmanned aerial drones as well as \$50 million for additional Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel.

Earlier this year, Mitchell introduced bipartisan legislation with Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) to immediately deploy thousands of additional National Guard troops to the border. [Source: [Mitchell Release](#)

, May 21, 2010]. H.R. 5357, the Deploy National Guard Troops to the Border Act, would deploy a minimum of 3,000 additional National Guard troops to help secure the border. Mitchell has previously called on both Presidents Bush and Obama to place additional guardsmen on the border. [Sources:

[Mitchell Release](#)

, August 9, 2007;

[Mitchell Release](#)

, May 7, 2008;

[Letter to President Obama](#)

, March 25, 2009;

[Mitchell Release](#)

, July 6, 2009

[Letter to the President Obama](#)

, March 30, 2010]

More recently, Mitchell introduced, along with Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-CA), the bi-partisan Stop the Drop Houses Act, H.R. 5769, a bill to close a federal loop hole and help authorities fight the drop house epidemic in the Valley, which are magnets for crime and violence frequently used by Mexican cartels as way stations for their illegal smuggling operations. [Source: [Phoenix](#)

[Business Journal](#)

, July 19, 2010]

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